(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has employed one bird shooter and three bird chasers for bird scaring activities. AAI has also contributed an amount of Rs. 68.75 lakhs for the establishment of modern Abattoir near Hyderabad.

(e) 35 bird hit incidents have been reported in the last two years.

(f) Air India and Indian Airlines have incurred a total loss of Rs. 04.15 Crores (approximately).

Suspension of Modernisation Work of Delhi and Mumbai Airports

†1594. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work relating to modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai Airports has again been suspended;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work relating to modernisation is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Revision of charges at Non-Metro Airports

1595. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to decongest Metro Airports in the country, the Central Government propose to reduce various charges at non-metro airports, making them more attractive to domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money, the Airports Authority of India will have to forego due to reduction of charges;

(d) the manner in which the AAI will be compensated;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (g) Requests have been received from Domestic Scheduled Operators for concessions on parking charges at Non-Metro Airports which are under examination.

Airports in Tamil Nadu

1596. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop and modernise non-metro airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken for its implementation;

(c) whether the airports in the cities of Tamil Nadu such as Tiruchi, Madurai and Coimbatore would also be covered under this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has drawn up a plan for development of the tentatively selected non-metro airports. The plan aims for development of Passenger Terminal Buildings on air side and city side development in two phases.

Techno Economic Feasibility Studies (TEFS) have been completed by Indian Financial Consultants (IFC) and Global Technical Advisors (GTA) for airports under phase-l. For remaining Non-metro airports under phase-II, action is in hand for appointment of IFC and GTA to carry out TEFS. Target date specific to each airport will depend upon the viability and area of developments identified by the Consultants.